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SUBJECT: VOA ATTACKED IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST WESTERN INTELLIGENCE  
ACTIVITIES

REF: (A) 77 PRAGUE 1152; (B) 77 PRAGUE 1991; (C) PRAGUE -039

1. CZECHOSLOVAK TV (BOTH CHANNELS) AUGUST 10 CARRIED 20  
MINUTE FILM SEEKING TO LINK VOA WITH ESPIONAGE. IT BASICALLY  
REHASHED CASE OF JIRI GANZ WHOSE CONVICTION OF ESPIONAGE  
AND SENTENCING TO 30 YEARS IN PRISION WAS ANNOUNCED LAST  
YEAR. SUBSEQUENTLY, GANZ WAS INTERVIEWED ON RADIO (REF A)  
AND CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN RECRUITED BY FORMER PRAGUE PAO  
ROBERT WARNER TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES  
IN CESKE BUDEJOVICE AREA. TELECAST INTERVIEWED GANZ AND  
SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE, ONE OF WHOM WE KNOW TO HAVE FREQUENTED  
EMBASSY READING ROOM, TO MAKE CONNECTION WITH VOA THROUGH  
GANZ'S USE OF POP MUSIC RECORDED FROM "MUSIC USA" TO ENTICE  
LOCAL YOUTH INTO ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES. GANZ WAS CHARTER  
MEMBER OF "MUSIC USA" GROUP IN CESKE BUDEJOVICE AND COPIES  
OF SOME CORRESPONDENCE WITH VOA WERE SHOWN. STILL  
PHOTOS OF WARNER AND CLIP OF HIS APARTMENT BUILDING  
IN PRAGUE WERE SHOWN. FORMER CAO GEORGE KINZER WAS  
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ALSO DEPICTED AS HAVING TAKEN OVER AS CONTACT WITH  
GANZ. CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM TELECAST WAS THAT  
CONTACT WITH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND ESPECIALLY USICA  
PERSONNEL IS DANGEROUS AND THAT AMERICAN JAZZ AND ROCK  
MUSIC IS CORRUPTING INFLUENCE.

2. TELECAST WAS PART OF RASH OF ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA

ACTIONS BEING TAKEN AS ANNIVERSARY OF 1968 WP INTERVENTION NEARS. KICK-OFF WAS TELECAST ACCUSING FORMER EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER OF RECRUITING FOR ESPIONAGE (REF B). OTHER ACTIONS HAVE INCLUDED INTERVIEW WITH CONVICTED SPY JOSEF GROHMAN (REF C) WHO TIED IN FRG AND ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, PRESS ACCUSATIONS OF COMPLICITY OF SWEDISH SECURITY IN ASSASSINATION OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR ROLOVIC IN STOCKHOLM SOME YEARS AGO, AND SHORT PRESS ITEM CHIDING BRITISH FIRST SECRETARY DAVID BROUCHER FOR INVITING DISSIDENTS TO HOME. (BY NO COINCIDENCE, BROUCHER ITEM APPEARED SAME DAY AS FAREWELL COCKTAIL PARTY HE WAS GIVING. OFFICIAL DISPLEASURE WAS UNDERLINED BY THE PROMINENT STATIONING OF GOON-OCCUPIED TATRA AT HEAD OF NARROW STREET ON WHICH HIS HOUSE IS LOCATED DURING PARTY.)

3. WE EXPECT FURTHER PROPAGANDA ATTACKS IN COMING WEEKS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING ANOTHER "THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIAL" WHICH MIGHT BE TARGETED ON SOME OTHER PAST OR CURRENT STAFF MEMBER. WE HAVE NOT SO FAR NOTED ANY GREATER THAN USUAL DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS AS A RESULT OF THIS CAMPAIGN. READING ROOM IS CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR VACATION PERIOD, SO WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN HAS SCARED OFF ANYONE FROM VISITING EMBASSY.

4. DCM CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR OF MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JANCIK ON AUGUST 11 TO NOTE EMBASSY'S SERIOUS CONCERN OVER CURRENT INTENSIFICATION OF ANTI-US PROPAGANDA IN CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA. DCM DESCRIBED AUGUST 10 TV PROGRAM ON LOCAL VOA AS PARTICULARLY REPREHENSIBLE EXAMPLE OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN, WHICH COULD HAVE ONLY ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. JANCIK EXPRESSED REGRET THAT "PROPAGANDA IS INTENSIFYING ON BOTH SIDES AT PRESENT, " BUT PLEDGED TO BRING DCM'S REMARKS TO ATTENTION OF PROPER AUTHORITIES.

5. DECONTROL 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE.  
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